AFTERNOON SESSION. Resolutions Offered. By Mr. Knowlton, in relation to what construction

shall be placed upon the 8th section of the common school law; adopted. By Mr. Richardson, as to the expedincy of making administrators witnesses for estates they represent; adopted. By Mr. Chandler, that enquiry be made, why the rents on the Northern Division of the Central canal are not paid? and also, whether some plan cannot be adopted to make the canal pay its own expenses? adopted.

By Mr. Holcomb, as to the expediency of protecting physicians against quacks and quack medicines, &c. Mr. Edwards moved to lay on the table; carried. By Mr. Cole, as to the expediency of amending the common school law, so that money shall be expended in the townships where it is collected; adopted. By Mr. Goodwin, as to the expediency of changing the law, so as to give tax-delinquents twelve months to deem personal property sold for taxes; adopted.

By Mr. Hill, as to the expediency of adopting trust laws, to supersede mortgages; not adopted.

Bills and Joint Resolutions Introduced. By Mr. Hicks, a joint resolution in relation to publish ing act relative to Courts in 5th Circuit; By Mr. Harney, a joint resolution relative to surren-dering Indiana bonds held by the United States and the issuing other certificates therefor;

By Mr. Ross, a joint resolution relative to the Whit Water Canal, with a view of the State selling her interest in said canal: By Mr. Carnalian of F., relative to the foreign slave By Mr. Carnahan of P., a joint resolution relative to the cession of the State of Maryland to the District of

Columbia; in favor of retroceding the same to the said By Mr. Murray, a joint resolution in favor of a diplomatic agent to Liberia, and the recognition of said government, as an independent republic;

By Mr. Gessie, a bill relative to the right of way for the Danville and Georgetown plank road company; re-By Mr. Hunter, to incorporate the Independent Relief Fire company; By Mr. Defrees, to amend the act to incorporate the

Buffalo and Mississippi railroad company; read twice. By Mr. Cotton, in relation to advertising lands mortgaged to the sinking fund; By Mr. Sherrod, in relation to the election of prosect ting attorney for the 2d Circuit; referred. By Mr. Conway, to amend the act granting to the citi-

zens of Aurora a city charter; By Mr. Cotton, to extend the provisions of an act therein named to the counties of Huntington and Whit By Mr. Goodwin, to change the mode of paying it spectors, judges, and clerks of elections;
By Mr. Bowen, to exempt the Olive Branch church

from paying taxes; By Mr. Johnson, regulating clerk's fees in Probat By Mr. Cleaver, in relation to Probate records : By Mr. Thom, to amend revised laws, relative to over-

seers of the poor; referred. By Mr. O'Neal, to amend the act authorizing the con struction of plank roads; By Mr. Brown, to amend the act providing for the se lection of grand and petit jurors; By Mr. O'Neal, to amend the road law relative to re

pair of bridges; By Mr. Humphreys, to amend revised laws relative to By Mr. Hunter, to provide for the trial of criminal causes in Marion county;

By Mr. Cole, to locate a road in Miami and Wabash ; By Mr. Johnson, to amend the act to revise and con solidate road law, relative to width of roads; By Mr. Dodd, to reduce the number of township trustees in Grant county. Orders of the Day.

The bill for the election of township assessors, the as-

sessment of personal property, &c., again came up on its second reading—the question being on concurring in the amendments made in the committee of the whole The amendments were separately concurred in, except the one fixing the time of commencing the assess-ment, which was not adopted, and the time fixed, on mo-tion of Mr. Graves, from and after the first Monday in

January and before the first of June; also, the House refused to adopt the amendment relative to the list to be furnished by tax-payers. Several amendments were offered, and a test vote finally taken on an amendment striking out that part of the

bill which compels the tax-payer to swear to the list of property furnished by the assessor.

This amendment after full discussion, was adopted, by a vote of ayes 61, noes 35.

Before further proceeding on the bill, On motion, the House adjourned.

SENATE. SATURDAY, Dec. 15. Petitions, &c. Presented. By Mr Millikin, of George Conner for relief; read and re-

W. Putter of Knox county; read a first time, rules suspendof read a second and third times, and passed. By Mr Ewans, of the members of the yearly meeting of Figenite fier an act of incorporation ; referred to a select com-

On leave, Mr Ellis introduced a bill for the relief of Geo.

Reports from Committees. By Mr Randall, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the milipet of making executors and administrators competent witnesses ; regard concurred in. By Mr Rent of U , a tell for the purpose of confirming and corrying out characterises; read first time. By Mr Bough, from a select committee, a bill to attach cartain ferritory of the county of Delaware to the county of Blackford ; read first time.

Resolutions Introduced. By Mr Conduit, that the Senate will, the House concur ring, adjourn sine die on Monday, the 7th day of January next; laid on the table; ayes 29, noes 18. By Mr Winstandley, that the committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so amending the school law as to require the funds to be distributed semi-annually; adopt-

Bills Introduced. By Mr Millikin, a bill to authorize a company to construct the King's Ridge and Moore's Hill turnpike; read By Mr Cornett, a bill to authorise a company to construct the Huntsville and Marion turnpike; read first time. By Mr Woods, a bill to change the time of holding the circuit and probate courts of 6 vitzerland county; read first

Bills on their Third Reading. A bill to authorise the county commissioners to establish additional places of bolding elections; passed. "A bill for the relief of Harman Henry Kluter and William Kinter of Switzerland county; passed. A bill to amend the charter of the Bellefoutaine railroa

company; passed. A bill to divorce Hannah S. Martin from Richard C. Martin ; passed-aves 29, noes 18. Several bills were read a second time and passed to a third reading, or referred to the appropriate committees.

Mr Dawson moved to reconsider the vote on indefinitely postponing the bill for the relief of George Lottre of Lagrange county; vote reconsidered and the bill referred to a

On leave, Mr Montgomery introduced a resolution that when the Senate adjourn, it will adjourn to meet on Monday

morning at 9 o'clock; not adopted—ayes 22, noes 26.

Mr Walpule moved to reconsider the vote on the passage of the bill to amend the charter of the Knightstown and Shelbyville railroad company; pending the discussion of this question,

On motion, the Senate adjourned. The Senate met, Mr Read of Clark in the chair. The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion pend-

town and Shelbyville railroad company. Mr Garver moved the previous question, which was seconded, and the Senate determined to have the question put now; the motion to reconsider was lost—ayes 13, noes 27.
Several bills were read a second time and passed to a third reading, or referred to the appropriate committees. A bill to extend the powers of the President and Trustee of the town of Columbus; read second time, rules suspend ed, and the bill read a third time and passed.

A bill to extend the terms of the court of county com missioners of Morgan county; read second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed. A bill to locate a State road in the counties of Martin Orange and Crawford; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed. A bill to compel speculators to pay a road tax equal to that paid by actual settlers in Noble county; read second

time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and A bill relative to the national monument at Washington read second time, tules suspended, and the bill read a third

time and passed. On leave, Mr Buckles introduced a resolution that the committee on the Judici ery be authorised to send for persons and papers in all cases necessary; adopted.

On leave, Mr Habbard introduced the petition of William Duzan for a patent for certain canal lands; referred to a se-

A bill to legalize the acts of the board of county commi sioners of the counties of St. Joseph Fulton and Marshall, in assessing the road taxes in said counties for the year 1849; read second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed.
On motion, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. SATURDAY, Dec. 15, 1849. Petitions of C., Presented.

By Messrs. Elder, Gessie, Prather, Miller, Delevan, Athon, Thom, Robson, and Compbell; which were referred to committees.

Reports from Standing Committees. By Mr. Chandler, against the expediency of giving tax-delinquents twelve months to redeem personal pro perty sold for taxes; concurred in.

By Mr. Spencer, a bill to provide for publishing notices of delinquent lands in Stenben; passed to a 2d reading. Mr. Graves reported back the bill to provide for ascertaining the value of personal property exempt from execution, without amendment. The bill was then ordered By Mr. Carnahan of F., against the expedincy of ma-

king administrators witnesses on the part of estates; con-By Mr. Harney, a bill providing for sale of school section in White and Carroll; passed to a 2d reading.

By Mr. Hart, against a road petition from Washington and Clark; concurred in. By Mr. Cotton, against a petition from Jennings relative to a bridge; not concurred in and petition referred to

By Mr. Hart, against the expediency of electing su pervisors by road districts; concurred in. Mr. Alley reported back the bill to amend the act to revise and consolidate road laws, and recommended it to be laid on the table; concurred in

By Mr. Huey, against a petition for a road; concurred Mr. Yocum reported back bill No. 90; which was laid By Mr. Allen, a joint resolution in relation to the es-

tablishment of a Bureau on agriculture at Washington; passed to a 2d reading. By Mr. Leviston, a bill to provide for the regulation of

turnpike companies, (a general law on the subject ;) read twice and lost on the question of engrossment.

Reports of Select Committees.

By Mr. Niblack, a bill regulating the mode of selecting jurors in Martin county;
By Mr. Salter, a bill to incorporate the Tippecano horse thief detecting company; read twice and engrossed By Mr. Connway, a bill to incorporate the Evangelical

Lutheran St. John's Church; passed to a 2d reading.

Mr. Chandler reported back bill relative to forfeited school lands; ordered to be engrossed. Resolutions. By Mr. Dougherty of B., in relation to the records of

inventories and sale-bills by clerks of Probate Courts; By Mr. Spencer, relative to a board of examiners of school teachers; adopted.

By Mr. Ellis, in relation to district trustees, so as

compel them to serve; adopted.

Bills and Jaint Resolutions Introduced. By Mr. Elder, a joint resolution relative to donating

By Mr. Chandler, a bill to establish a sinking fund to pay the State debt; providing for a levy of five cents additional on each hundred dollars of taxables for said purpose—to be first appropriated to redemption of outstanding scrip, &c.; passed to 2d reading. By Mr. Yocum, a bill to provide for a uniform mode of

township business in Clay; By Mr. Hillis, a bill to amend the city charter of Madi-By Mr. Mickle, to amend the common school law;

By Mr. Weaver, a bill to authorize commissioners t Carroll, to employ a physician for the poor; also a bill to incorporate a temperance Institute; By Mr. Shepard, to divorce Catharine Rees;
By Mr. Menaugh, a bill authorizing voters of Wash

ngton to vote at any precinct; By Mr. Patterson, to incorporate the Goodwin Female Institute of Lafayette; referred. Bill of the Senate defining the duties of Auditor and Treasurer of Delaware was read and passed to a 2d read-

Bill of the Senate divorcing Jeremiah P. Draper from his wife was read a first time; and, on motion of Mr. Dougherty of Boone, rejected, ayes 61, noes 21. Bill of the Senate to incorporate the Logansport, Michigan and Ohio river Railroad company; read and passed to a 2d reading.

Several other bills of the Senate were read and passed to a 2d reading. The bill of the Senate, to amend the charter of Columbus, Nashville and Bloomington Railroad company was read twice, when

Mr. Prather moved to amend so that no branch of said road shall extend to a greater distance than 20 miles; Mr. Chandler moved to amend, so as to authorize the issue of bonds for constructing the road and for no other

purpose; adopted. The bill was then ordered to be engrossed. The bill of the Senate authorizing the Governor, Auditor and Treasurer to borrow money to pay interest on funded debt was read a first and second times. Mr. Withers moved to suspend the rules and read

Mr. Chandler hoped the bill would not be passed through in hot haste. The bondholers had not complied with their part of the Butler bill and he thought money should not be borrowed at all until such compliance on

Mr. Dougherty of Boone, thought the objections to this bill came too late. He had voted against borrowing money at the outset; but this had become the policy of the State, and to depart from it now, would be regarded as an infringement of our plighted faith and a prostration of public credit. The rules were suspended and the bill read a third

On motion, the House adjourned. AFTERNUON SESSION.

time and passed.

The House met and after reading a number of bills from the Senate, adjourned until Monday morning next

MONDAY, December 17. Senate met, Mr. Read of Clark in the chair. The President laid before the Senate a communication

from the Agent of State; read and referred to a select com-Petitions, &c. Presented. By Mr Buckles, two remoustrances of citizens of Delaware county, against being attached to the county of Black-

ford ; laid on the table. By Mr Holloway, a remonstrance on the subject of tem-perance; referred to a select committee. By Mr Woods, a remonstrance on the subject of temper-

ance; referred to a select committee.

By Mr Harvey, of James Wright and others of Hendricks county, praying a change of the name of the town of Spring-field, in said county, to that of Springtown; referred to a

By Mr Berry, of Samuel Jones and others relative to the jurisdiction of justices of the peace; read and referred to a select committee By Mr Buckles, of David Strickler and others relative to township No. 19, in Delaware county; referred to a select committee. Reports of Committees.

Mr Buckles, from the cemmittee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate instructing them to inquire into the expediency of changing the law relative to the sale and appraisement of real e-tate subject to dower, report that in the opinion of the committee legislation on the subject at the present time is inexpedient; report concurred in. Mr Sleeth, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported

back the bill for the benefit of the colored population of the State of Indiana, and that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject at the present time; report laid on the table. Mr Reid of U., from the committee on Corporations, reter Valley canal company, with one amendment, upon the adoption of which they recommend its passage; before the question was taken on said report,

Mr Hanna presented the report of the minority of said

committee, against the passage of the bill. The question being on concurring in the report of the majoilty of the committee, Mr Berry moved to smend the amendment, so that the

State shall receive one-half of the water-rents on said Mr Eddy moved to commit the bill, with instructions that the Auditor, Treasurer, and Secretary of State be authorized to sell the right of the State to redeem the canal to the highest bidder.

Mr Berry moved to amend the instruction that they shall ing, when the Senate adjourned, to re-consider the vote on the passage of the bill to amend the charter of the Knights-Mr Ellis moved to lay the instructions on the table; lost,

ayes 13, noes 32. On motion, the Senate adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION. Senate met, Mr Read of Clark in the chair.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Auditor of State relative to the stock in the Madison and Indianapolis railroad; read and referred to the committee on Finance. On leave, Mr Lyon, from the committee on Corporations,

reported back the bill to amend the charter of the Crawfordsville and Wabash railroad company, with one amendment, upon the adoption of which they recommend its pas-sage; report concurred in, amendment adopted, and the bill read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed. Bills on their Third Reading.

A bill for the relief of Sybil R. Dekeman ; not passed-Aye- 20, noes 21. A joint resolution the subject of the Michigan City harbor: passed.

A bill for the relief of Samuel Henderson ; passed. A bill relative to the national monument at Washington; A bill to repeal an act authorizing jailors to discharge pris-

on-is in certain cases; passed A bitl regulating the road laws in the county of Monroe Several bills were read a second time and passed to a third

reading or referred to the appropriate committees.

On leave, Mr Ellis introduced a bill for the relief of John M. Cook, treasurer of Knox county; read first time, roles suspended, and the bill read a second and third times, and passed.

On leave, Mr Hubbard, from a select committee, reported back the bill to recent restriction at select committee, reported back the bill to vacate certain streets therein named, with one amendment, upon the adoption of which they recommend its passage ; report concurred in, amendment adopted and the bill passed to a third reading. On leave, Mr Miller introduced a resolution requesting the

amount due from each lessre; adopted.

On leave, Mr Robl of U , from a select committee, reported a bill to enable the Indiana yearly meeting of the religious society of Friends to receive, hold, sell and convey real and personal property for the use of religious, educational, charitable and henevolent purp ses; read first time. On leave, Mr Cassall, from a select committee, reported back the bill to amend the road laws in the county of Wabash, without amendment, and recommend its passage; report concurred in, and the bill read a second time. On leave, Mr Millikin introduced a joint resolution on the subject of the public documents of the State of Indiana; select committee. read first time. Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY MORNING Dec. 17, 1849. Mr. Allen, on leave, introduced a resolution, that the annual message of the Governor be re-committed to a committee of the whole f r two o'clock; adopted. Petitions &c. Presented.

By Messis. Dougherty of B., Harvey, Brown of S., Hun-

and Weaver; which were severally referred. R-ports faom Committees. Mr. Mickle reported back the bill for the selief of delinquent tax-payers, abolishing the penalty for non-payment, with a unanimous recommendation that it is inexpedient to

Mr. Orr h ped the bill would not be postponed. He was Mr. Mickle was of opinion, that a repeal of the penalty

would work a serious injury to the revenue of the State. That the penalty was adopted to insure prompt payment, and to abolish it would be bad policy. There would have been a greater propriety in lessening the per cent. after lands The report was withdrawn; as the bill was left in the

Mr. Cravens reported back the joint resolution in relation to the soldiers in the war with Great Britain and Indian wars; which was ordered to be engro-sed. By Mr. Hill, a bill to amend the act to revise and consoli date the road law, providing that hands may be called upon to work two days before the first of July, or be liable for 75 cents per day; also a tax to be assessed by the county boards, and on failure to keep the roads in good repair an additional tax to be levied; passed to a 2d reading. Reports from Select Committees.

Mr. Gessie reported back the bill granting the right of way to the Danville and Georgetown plank road company; which was read a 3d time and passed. Mr. Chandler reported back the bill for the relief of the securities of John R. Harris, school commissioner of War-After a discussion by Mesers. Edwards and Chandler, Mr

Conner moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed. The discussion was continued by Messrs. Harney, Chandler. Murray and Connor; when the motion to postpone was Mr. Wilson now moved to commit with instructions, tha the securities of all agents of the State loaning moneys &c. be relieved from all liability; which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Edwards renewed the motion to indefinitely postpone The discussion on this hill showed, that this school com mi-si ner held office some twelve or fifteen years ago-had defaulted and left the country—that two suits had been insti-tuted on the bond—that six hundred persons had petitioned to relieve the securities-that out of 20 securities on the bond only four were now solvent. On the other hand it was contended, that this was not purely a local measure—that it touched the school fund-a fund denated by Congress for a specific object and should be held sacred. That it would be establishing a precedent that would be laid hold of by secutities of commissioners in other counties that would materially injure a fund intended for the general education of the

motion prevailed. Resolutions offered.

By Mr. Gentry, on the subject of the public aims; the mount on hand, the amount expended in repairs, &c; By Mr. Shelby, that the governor return the bill to amend

the act incorporating the Lafayette Insurance company; Martin county, which has been found beneficial in curing diseases of the eye, and for the establishment of an Eye Infirmary in said county; adopted. By Mr. Farnsley as to the expediency of a compilation o

the road laws; adopted. By Mr. Warriner, as to the expediency of abolishing the office of Adjutant General and transferring the duties to Quarter Master General ; adopted By Mr. Dodd, as to the expediency of giving Circuit Court concurrent jurisdiction in all cases where the fine is not less than five dollars; adopted. Bills Presented.

By Mr. Hillis, to amend the school law; By Mr. Lane, to amend the school law, providing that counties that refused to adopt school law, be exempt from By Mr. Greathouse, to amend the Revised Statutes; By Mr. Niblack, to amend the law in relation to grand ju-

By Mr. Greathouse, to amend the charter of Evansville; By Mr. Bowen, relative to commissioner's courts. By Mr. Ross, to change the name of Emanuel Pidcock : By Mr. Orr, to amend a section of road law; By Mr. Edwards, in relation to the changing of names;

By Mr. Connor, concerning voters at elections; By Mr. Greathouse, for the relief of Catharine Snell, &c. By Mr. Weir, relative to the Sullivan county library; By Mr. May, to confirm the Angola plank road company : By Mr. Mickle, to regulate the per diem of persons working on roads in Adams county; also relative to mill-dam

By Mr. Connor, relative to the duties of coroner; Which were severally read and passed to a 2d reading. Orders of the Day. Several bills of the Senate were read and passed to 2

reading.

The bill from the Senate to divorce Hannah S. Martin from Richard C. Martin was read a first time ; when Mr. Spencer moved to reject the bill, believing all laws of this kind to be unconstitutional. That all Courts that had decided on the question had declared marriage to be a civil contract, and hence clearly within the meaning of that Nancy O'Neal; read first time. clause of the State Constitution which says that no law invalidating a contract shall be passed. Before the question was taken on rejecting the bill the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The House resumed the consideration of the divorce bill—the question being on a motion to reject the bill, Mr. Campbell said, he was opposed as a general measure to the granting of divorces, but he believed there were cases that required legislative interference. So far as the Constitutional question is concerned, he thought the matter was fully settled by former legislatures who had frequently granted divorces. As before remarked, he was in the main opposed to legislative divorces; but this was so aggravated a case that if this were to be the last act of his life, he wou'd vote to liberate the lady petitioning from her scoundrel of a husband. The parties were unknown to him, and if he was not clear as to the Constitutional question he would not dare to give a vote in favor of a

The vote was now taken on rejecting the bill and decided in the affirmative, ayes 63, noes 25. Mr. Murray moved to reconsider the vote last taken

which did not prevail. The bill of the Senate for the relief of George Potter was read three times and passed. The Speaker laid before the House a comfrom the Auditor of State in relation to a sale of the State's shares in the new stock of the Madison and Indianapolis Rail-road company ; referred to a se'ect committee : also, A communication of the Governor enclosing the bill, pased at the present session to amend the act incorporating the Lafayette Insurance company; laid on the table.

The House now, according to order, resolved itself into committee of the whole on the Governor's annual mesa committee of the whole on the Governor's annual mesesge, Mr, Allen in the chair, when resolutions were adopted referring its different subjects to appropriate committees.

The committee then rose and reported the resolutions to

A bill to amend the charter of the Martinsvitte and Franklin railroad company; passed.

A bill to increase the pay of the county commissioners of the House; which were concurred in by the House. The House again resumed the consideration of the bill providing for a more effectual assessment of personal prop-

erty &c. and for the election of township assessors. Mr. Chandler moved to refer to a select committee one from each Congressional District; not carried. the table. Mr. Weir moved to refer to committee of ways and means,not carried.

Mr. Spencer moved to refer the bill to the committees the judiciary; which motion prevailed, and the blil was so The joint resolution relative to u-ing the lash in the United State's navy was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The joint resolution on the subject of admitting slavery in territory recently acquired by the United States-instructing

our delegation in Congress to vote for a prohibitory provision was read a second time. [After a debate, by Messrs. Niblack, Lane, Chandler and Murray, a sketch of which will be found in our Tri-weekly of the 18th.1 Mr. Spencer moved that the House adjourn, which

motion did not prevail-ayes 34, noes 61. Mr. Alley moved that the joint resolution be laid the table; not carried-ayes 29, noes 65. Ayes—Messrs. Alley, Athon, Barker, Brown of S., Byers, Caldwell, Carn than of P., Cleaver, Conaway, Cravens, Ellis, Essex, Farnsley, Gentry, Greathouse, Hart, Humphreys, Johnson, Menaugh, Miller of O., Niblack, O'Haver, Read, Richardson, Thomas, Withers,

Youm, and Mr. Speaker—29.

Noes—Messrs. Allen, Beard, Bird Bowen, Brown of R., Burnet, Butler, Campbell, Carnakan of F., Chandler, Cole, Connor, Cotton, Defrees, Delavan, Dodd, Dougher-Cole, Connor, Cotton, Defrees, Delavan, Dodd, Dougherty of B., Dougherty of E., Edwards, Elder, Gessie, Goodwin, Graves, Harney, Hill, Hillis, Holcomb,
Huey, Hunter, Keeny, Knowlton, Landiss, Lane, Lank,
Leviston, May, Mickle, Miller of M. and F., Millikin,
Morrison, Murray, O'Neal, Orr, Patterson, Prather, Rob-

Auditor of State to inform the Senate the amount expended inson of D., Robinson of L., Ross, Rush, Russell, Salter on the northern division of the Central canal for repairs since Shelby, Shepard, Spencer, Stewart, Stone, Stoops, Sum-1843, also the amount received from each lessee, and the mers, Thom, Tinbrook, Warriner, Watkins, Weaver, Wells, and Whinery-65

On motion, the House adjourned. TUE-DAY, December 18.

The Senate met Mr Read of Clark in the chair. Petitions. &c. Presented. By Mr Herod, of Robert Sprugh and others on the subject temperance; of Amtiew B G eer and others to inco rate the town of Hartsville; of Joseph Hiner and others t incorporate the Hart-ville acad my; read and referred to

By M: Mantgamery, the petition of six bundred citizen of Warren county, a-king f r relief of John R Harris, school commissioner of Warren county; read and referred to a se-On leave, Mr Odell introduced a resolution requesting th House of Representatives to return to the Senate House bill

No. 73, entitled " A bill to amend the charter of the Lafayetie in-urance company; adopted.

Reports of Committees. Mr Martin, from the committee on Finance, to whom was ter, (for repeal of common school law in Marion,) Ross, Car-naban of F., Robinson of L., Conner, (3 petitions,) Edwards pediency of exempting from taxation the stock in railroad companies, until the road sharl be constructed and declare dividends, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate on the

subject; report concurred in.

Mr Hendricks, from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate, instructing them to inquire into the expediency of requiring one-half of the revenue to be paid into the State treasury prior to the first day of January, to meet the interest on the funded debt, resatisfied that the penalty was productive of no good except to oppress those who unfortunately could not promptly pay ported it inexpedient to legislate on the subject; report con-Mr Garver, from the committee on Finance, to whom wa

referred a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the expeeiency of letting the stitching and folding of the public documents, reported it inexpedient to legislate on the subject ; Mr Herod, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate instructing them to inquire into the expediency of changing the law of descent,

reported that legislation on the subject is inexpedient; report concurred in. Mr Buckles, from the committee on the Judiciary, report ed back the bill to exempt property from sale on ex cution to the amount of 600 dollars; also the bill to exempt a homestead from sale on execution; also a resolution on the subject at the present time; report concurred in. Mr Hanna, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported

a bill to incorporate the Bowling Green manufacturing navigation company; read first time. Mr Berry, from the committee on Federal Relations, re ported back the joint re-olution relative to the three per cent. fund, without amendment, and recommend its passage report concurred in, and the joint resolution passed to a second reading.

By Mr Rousseau, from the committee on Education, the it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject of reducing the pay of county officers for attending to the school funds; recommitted to the committee on Education. By Mr Harvey, from the committee on Education, that is inexpedient to legislate on the subject of forfeited scho lands to Lagrange county ; report concurred in.

By Mr Woods, from the committee on Education, to extend the 9th section of the common school law of last secsion, with an amendment; report concurred in, amendment adopted, and the bill passed to a third reading. By Mr Morrison, from the committee on Education, tha it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject of amending the school law; report concurred in.

By Mr Eddy, from the committee on Education, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject of consolidating the school laws; report concurred in.

Mr. Hardin, from the committee on Roads, reported back the bill to amend the road law passed last session, with several amendments, upon the adoption of which they recom

Mr Huffstetter, from the committee on roads, reported back the bill to amend the road laws, that it is inexpedient added to the United States. to legislate on the subject, and recommend that the bill be indefinitely postponed; report concurred in. The orders of the day were taken up, and the Senate resumed the consideration of the motion to amend the instructions on the motion to commit the bill to amend the White Water Valley canal company, with instructions.

Mr Berry moved to lay the bill and pending amendments on the table; last—ayes 23, noes 23. Mr Berry's motion to amend the instructions of Mr Eddy then came up. Mr Holloway called for a division of the question; the question then being, will the Senate commit the bill ?-be-

fore the question was taken. On moti n, the Senate adjourned. AFTERNOON SES-ION.

House Bills taken up. House bill to repeal a proviso therein named; read firs House bill to amend the road laws in Ohio county; read House bill to incorporate the American live stock insu

rance company; read first time.

House bill to incorporate the White county Monticelle bridge company; read twice and referred to the committee House bill to amend the road laws in Sullivan county House bill to authorize the voters in Daviess county t

vote in Washington township, in said county; read twice and referred to the committee on Roads House bill in relation to extra taxes in Lamasco city read first time. A joint resolution selative to the time of making reports from the State Bank and Branches of Indiana; read first

House bill relative to the collection of taxes in Randolph county; read twice and referred to the committee on Fi House bill to prevent the stretching of seines across Laugh ry creek and other streams in the State of Indiana; read

House bill in relation to Lamasco city; read first time, A joint resolution in reference to the reduction of the price of the lands in the Miami national reservation; read House bill to amend the act to establish a free turnpike road in Adams county; read twice and referred to a select

House bill to change the change the name of Eliza Jane Bristo to Eliza Jane Swisher, and that of Nancy Brown to House bill requiring the grand jury in the county of Han-House bill to incorporate the Harrison and Brookville turn

pike company; read first time. House bill to amend the charter of the Lafayette insu sance company ; read twice and referred to the comm House bill to legalize the settlement of the auditor an treasurer of Kosciusko county; read twice and referred to a select committee. A joint resolution of the House on the subject of postage

House hill to authorize the Governor, Auditor and Treas user of State to borrow money to pay the interest that will become due on the funded debt on the first day of January and July next; read twice and laid on the table. House bill prescribing the times of holding the courts in the second judicial circuit; read twice and referred to a se-

read first time.

House bill granting the right of way through Vermillion county to the Danville and Georgetown plank road company; read twice and referred to a select committee. Bills on Third Reading. A bill to incorporate the King's Bridge and Moorest's tuinpike company; passed.

A bill to incorporate the Hartsville and Marion turnpike company; passed. A bill to change the time of holding the circuit and pro hate courts in the county of Switzerland; passed.

A bill to varate certain streets therein named; passed. A bill to amend the road laws in the county of Wabash; laid on the table. A bill authorising a company to construct a turnpike;

passed. A joint resolution sympathising with the Hungarians A bill to protect the surplus revenue in Greene county

Daviess county ; passed. A bill to give the probate judge of the county of Gibson juri-diction of writs of habeas corpus; passed.

A bill to confirm and carry out charitable devises; passed.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Trustees of the Wabash and Erie canal; laid on

Bills Introduced. By Mr Hamrick, a bill to organize a probate circuit certain counties therein named; read first time. By Mr Millikin, a bill for the relief of the Lawrenceburgh and Napoleon turnpike company; read first time.
By Mr Ellis, a bill to amend the charter of the Knox is surance company; read first time.

By Mr Rousseau, a bill to provide for the election of town ship assessors in the county of Greene; read first time.

By Mr Cassatt, a bill to compel the trustees of the Wabash and Erie canal to carry out the contract between th bondholders and the State; read first time. By Mr Garver, a bill to amend the charter of the Michi gan road company; read first time.

By Mr Berry, a bill to amend the law defining the juri diction of justices of the peace in the coun

Mr Cornett, from the committee on corporations, reported back a bill to amend the charter of a certain railroad com pany therein named; passed to a third reading.
On motion of Mr Randall, the bill to amend the constit tion was taken from the table, and made the special order o the day for Friday next, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Mr Harvey, from a select committee, reported a bill to change the name of the town of Springfield, in Hendricks

county ; read first time. Mr Sleeth introduced a bill to legalize the return of th votes for and against the school law in Shelby county; read Mr Garver introduced a bill for the relief of a certa person therein named; read first time.
Mr Lyon introduced a bill to amend article 5, chapter 45

Mr Das son introduced a bill for the relief of George Don

Mr. Holloway introduced a bill for the benefit of E. Brown- | Mr. Berry moved to further instruct the committee : laid ing of the county of Marion; read first time. Mr Holloway, from a select committee, reported a bill for Mr English, from the committee on Claims, reported back the relief Delilah and Sylvester Conklin, of Wayne county; the bill for the relief of Terrance McManus, and that it is

inexpedient to legislate on the subject at the present time; Mr Hardin introduced a resolution requesting the commit-tee on Education to inquire into the expediency of amend- Mr Rousseau, from a select committee, reported back the ing the school law relative to school districts, where the districts lie in two counties, one of which has adopted the law and the other has not; adopted.

Mr Winstandley introduced a resolution that the commit-

tee on Education inquire into the expediency of amending back the bill to amend the charter of the Princeton female the 8th section of the school law of last session; adopted. Mr Millikin introduced a resolution that the thanks of the they recommend its passage; report concurred in, amend-Senate are due, and they are hereby tendered to the Hon. | ment adopted, and the bill passed to a third reading. James G. Read of Clark, for the able and dignified manner Mr Rousseau, from a select committee, reported back the in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Sen- joint resolution for the relief of James Galletly and others, ate as President pro tem.; adopted.

On motion of Mr Dawson, the vote on the passage of the passage; report concurred in bill for the relief of Sibil R. Dekman was reconsidered, and Mr Ellis moved to refer the bill to the committee on the the bill referred to a select committee, with instructions to Judiciary; lost-ayes 19, mes 24. strike out the second section of the bill. On motion, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. TUESDAY MORNING, Dec. 18. The Speaker laid before the House the annual report of the Trustees of the Wabash and Erie canal; 1000 time. copies ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Mickle, the rules were suspended

and the House proceeded to the consideration of the Orders of the Day. The consideration of the joint resolution on the subject of slavery extension was again resumed.

Mr Wilson moved that the joint resolution be laid up on the table; which motion did not prevail, ayes 31, lates to the county of Morgan, and declaring the meaning of

same remains a territory of the United States." [An animated debate ensued, in which Messrs. Lane, Dougherty of B., Niblack, Patterson, Graves, Chandler, cludes it from the weekly.]

Mr Elder moved to amend the amendment, so that our delegation in Congress be instructed to oppose the admis- acts and parts of acts incorporating the Madison and Naposion of any State that does not contain the prohibitory clause in its Constitution. Mr Russell moved that both the amendments be laid upon the table; which motion prevailed; ayes 59,

Mr Cravens moved to amend, so that "nothing therein contained shall interfere with State sovereignty. Mr. Dougherty of B. moved to amend the amendment

select committee, with instructions to strike out the same | which were referred to committees. "That it is the opinion and settled conviction of this General Assembly, that the ordinance, commonly called the ordinance of 1787, fully expresses and embraces the Mr. Mickle reported back the bill for the relief of delin-

was consequently lost.

Mr Dodd moved that the amendment offered by Mr Cravens as amended by Mr Dougherty of B. be laid upon the table; which motion prevailed. Mr Connor moved to strike out and amend, by insert-

ry should be excluded from all territories hereafter to be The House adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr Cravens moved to amend, so that nothing shall be understood to affect State sovereignty; which amendment \$16,000; referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Wilson, from committee on canals &c., reported back bill in relation to the Northport feeder-dam: read 3d time tion was first taken on seconding that motion, and de- and passed; also, cided in the affirmative, ayes 74, noes 17.

Acues-Messrs. Allen, Alley, Beard, Bowen, Brown of Mr. Carnahan of P. moved that the report and bill be laid R., Burnet, Butler, Campbell, Carnahan of F., Chandler, upon the table; not carried Cole, Cotton, Defrees, Delavan, Dougherty of E., Ednaler, The bill was then recomm wards, Elder, Gessie, Goodwin, Graves, Harney, Hill,
Hillis, Holcomb, Huey, Keeny, Knowlton, Landiss, Lane,
whether a railroad from Evansville to Terre Haute would Lank, Leviston, May, Mickle, Miller of M. and F., not be doing injustice to our bondholders, &c.; which motion Millikan, Morrison, Murray, O'Neal, Orr, Prather, Rob- prevailed. Salter, Shelby, Shepard, Spencer, Siewart, Stone, Stoops, Thom, Tinbrook, Warriner, Watkins, Weaver, Weir, Goodwin Female Institute of Lafayette; ordered to be en-

Wilson, and Whinery, -61. Noes-Messrs, Athon, Barker, Bird, Brown of S., Byty of B., Ellis, Essex, Farnesly, Gentry, Greathouse, amendments. Harney, Hart, Hicks, Humphreys, Johnson, Menaugh, Miller of O, Niblack, O'Haver, Patterson, Richardson, m Sherrod, Wells, Withers, Yocum, and Mr. Speaker,-31. On motion, the bill amending the act incorporating the erect a saw-mill in Fulton county to enable them to collect Lafayette Insurance company was taken up and returned tolls on three miles in said county.

Mr May, on leave, introduced a resolution that the Superintendent of common schools be requested to give his views in relation to the common school law, &c.;

ency of executions being retained by officers until debt and interest is made; not adopted.

A joint resolution in relation to slavery in the Dictrict The joint resolution restricting slavery in States whose

Constitutions are silent on the subject, when applying for admission into the Union was rend a second time; Mr Withers moved that the joint resolution be laid upon the table; which motion prevailed, ayes 57, noes 42 The joint resolution relative to constructive mileage was read a 2d time, and laid upon the table The joint resolution on the subject of a Railroad from St. Lous to San Francisco was read a 2d time—to be made

By Mr. Athon, a bill for the relief of Lewis Chapell : by an incorporated company, with a capital of \$100,000,-000 on government stock; referred to a select committee. The bill providing for the taxation of all lands that law relative to roads in Centre township; have been entered since the 26th of January, 1847, and By Mr. Wells, a bill for the relief of Kain Dockery; all lands that may hereafter be entered was read a second time: when Mr. Cole opposed the bill, and moved its indefinite

Mr. Harney advocated the bill, and on his motion, was laid on the table for deliberation. The bill to permit persons to loan money at ten per cent. interest, when expressed in writing, was read a 2d On motion of Mr Holcomb laid on the table.

day, were read a second time, ordered to be engrossed, referred to committees or otherwise disposed of. The bill for taxing pedlers, &c., was read a second Mr Robson moved to amend, so that pedlers shall be permitted to pursue their avocations, throughout the State, by the payment of fifty dollars, or ten dollars per

Most of the bills on first reading, in the orders of the

Mr Shepard moved to refer to the committee on the j diciary; which motion prevailed.

The bill to locate a road in Howard and Miami counties was read a second and third times and passed.

The bill to vacate the alleys in Cumberland was re-

2d and 3d times and passed.

The bill for the relief of Henry and Titus G. Burst was read 2d and 3d times and passed.

The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Trustees of the Wabash and Erie canal on the subject of the appraisement of lands, stating that all in-

of State for a list of all moneys unpaid for water rents, &c., on the Northern Division of the Central canal; On motion, the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 19.

ferred to a select committee. Reports of Committees.

Mr Cornett, from the committee on Education, to whom was referred the memorial of the American association for the advancement of science, asking the Legislature to cause to be made a grological survey of this State, reported that it is inexpedient to legislature as the resolution upon the table; which motion did not prevail, ayes 18, noes 75. is inexpedient to legislate on the subject at the present time on secount of the embarrassed condition of the State treasu-

cond judicial circuit, without amendment, and recommend its passage; report concurred in and the bill passed to a third Mr Conduit, from a select committee, reported back the bill of the House to repeat all laws of this State authorizing counties to subscribe for any corporation stock, so far as se-

college, with one amendment, upon the adoption of which

without amendment, and a majority of them recommend its

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reports of Committees.

corporate the trustees of the Hartsville academy ; read first

prescribing the time of holding the circuit courts in the se-

Mr Herod, from a select committee, reported a bill to in-

Mr Porter, from a select committee, reported back the bill

On motion, the Senate adjourned.

Mr Niblack proposed to amend, by striking out the word "forever," and inserting the words: "so far as the Bills, &c. on their Third Reading. A joint resolution on the subject of the three per cent,

fund ; passed. Miller and Cravens participated, and which will be found in our Tri-weekly of the 20th. A press of matter ex-17, 1849; passed. A bill to consolidate and publish in one act the several

> leon tumprke company; passed. Several bills were read a second time and passed to a third reading, or referred to the appropriate committees.

The Senate adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19, 1849.

Petitions &c. Presented. by providing that neither slavery nor involuntary servi-tude in said territories shall exist, except for the punish-school law.) Cotton, Carnahan of P., (for a homestead exment for crime, &c., which was accepted by the mover.

emption.) Holcomb, Campbell, Weaver, Defrees, Harvey,

Mr Wilson moved to commit the joint resolution to a Chandler, Huey, Caldwell, Cole, Graves, Hicks and Thomas;

Reports from Committees. Mr. Dougherty of B. reported the names of members elect-

sentiments of the people of Indiana; and that a strict ob-servance of the same will be amply satisfactory, without which motion prevailed, ayes 77, noes 19. Mi. Brown of S. reported it inexpedient to legislate on On this question the vote stood ayes 46, noes 46, and certain resolutions to amend the execution law, as bills are now before the House containing all necessary amendments;

concurred in. Mr. Thom reported back bill relative to overseers of the poor, with amendments, which were concurred in and the bill ordered to be engrossed. By Mr. Hunter, a bill for the relief of the Independent ing-that California ought not to be refused admission as Relief Fire Engine and Hose company of Indianapolis, proa State, because she has excluded slavery, and that slave-ry should be excluded from all territories hereafter to be The Speaker laid before the House a communication from admitted as States; which amendment was not adopted. | the Auditor of State, in relation to the suit against the State by M'Ginley, a contractor on the Silver creek bridge, with documents in relation thereto-showing the amount to be The House resumed the consideration of the joint reso- paid \$16,000. The Auditor decimes auditing claim, without legi-lative action. The amount paid to counsel out of contingent fund is \$500 to Quarles and Walpole and \$500 to Hughes. The award of Commissioners is \$21,000; but by compromise with the Governor, M'Ginley agrees to take

A bill relative to a railroad from Evansville, via Princeton The question was then taken on engrossing the joint and Mount Carmel, to connect wit the Mississippi railroad at resolution for a third reading and decided in the affirma- Otney, with an amendment, striking out the bill and inserting a substitute.

The bill was then recommitted to the committee on ca-

inson of D., Robinson of L., Robson, Ross, Rush, Russell, Mr. Allen reported a bill in relation to Agricultural Socie-

Mr Murray reported back the bill to amend the charter of ers, Caldwell Carnahan of P., Cleaver, Cravens, Dougher- the Logansport and Rochester tumpike company, with Mr. Miller of M. and F. moved to concur with an amendment, striking out the word "unnecessary" -so that, if the company make obstructions to the road they shall make turnouts, &c.; and also that the company shall be compelled to

Quite an animated discussion took place on these amendments, in which Messrs. Miller of M. and F. and Murray participated. The motion to concur, with the amendments offered by Mr. Miller of M. and F., striking out the word "unnecessa-Mr Goodwin introduced a resolution as to the expedi- ry" prevailed. The amendment relative to the saw-mill

was not adopted.

ty courts in Perry county.

The amendment, as amended, were then concurred in. Mr. Miller then moved to amend the bill, so that toll may of Columbia was read a second time; when

Mr Withers moved that it be laid upon the table; car
other place than contemplated in the bill; which was be charged when two miles of the road are completed in any The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

On leave, temperance memorials were presented by Messrs. Summers, Ross, Tinbrook, and O'Neal; which were referred. On motion of Mr. Wilson, the committee on canals &c., had leave to send for persons and papers in reference to Northern Division of Central canal. Reports from Select Committees. By Mr. Connor, a bill to extend the time of holding coun-

By Mr. Delavan, a bill to authorize Isaac Wilcox to con-struct a bridge over road in Morgan county; By Mr. Conaway, a bill to repeal certain sections of road which severally passed to a 2d reading. Bills &c. Reported. By Mr. Chandler, a joint resolution to refund interest where the same is declared illegal by Supreme Courts.

By Mr. Sherrod, a joint resolution on the subject of slave-ty—against the agitation of the Wilmot Proviso, as at this time unnecessary to prevent slavery extension-leaving the subject open to the decision of the people when forming State governments &c. Mr. Prather moved that the joint resolution be rejected; which motion did not prevail, ayes 39, noes 55—a party vote; passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Edwards, a bill to amend the act incorporating the Richmond and Terre Haute Railroad company; read first

By Mr. Salter, defining the duties of county treasurers in

By Mr. Patterson, for the relief of Honnah 8. Martin; By Mr. Nibiack, to repeal an act concerning Sheriffs, &c.; By Mr. O'Haver, relative to the Seminary of Sollivan ounly;
By Mr. Edwards, to incorporate the Terre Haute Insurance

AFTERNOON SESSION. The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Superintendent of Common Schools, stating that an amendment or revision of the school laws would be impolitic, under present circumstances. The near approach of the Convention to amend the State Constitution be urges as an formation on that subject will be found in their annual report just submitted.

Mr Holcomb offered a resolution calling on the auditor

Mr Holcomb offered a resolution calling on the auditor argument why no revision should be made of the school laws at this time. The only amendment he had to recommend,

Orders of the Day. The bill for the relief of Richard and Willam Sloan was read 2d and 3d times and passed. The joint resolution from the Senate, on the subject of internal improvement was read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Brown of S., laid on the table.

The joint resolution relative to a harbor at Michigan city was read a second time; when Mr. Brown of S, moved that the resolution be laid upon the table; which was withdrawn-when Mr. Millikan, said, that considerable money had already been expended on a harbor at Michigan city, which, would be lost, without a further appropriation. His section of the country had received no public money other than at this int, either from the General or State government. It was not only a benefit to Michigan city; but to all who navigate

Mr. May took the ground, that as western men, we are as By Mr Reid of U., of two hundred and seventy citizens of much entitled to an appropriation for harbors on the Lakes Wayne county, relative to the repeal of the black laws; 18- as those on the Atlantic sea-board-Mr. Brown of S. said, it was useless to pass the resolution

The joint resolution was then ordered to be engrossed.

The joint resolution on the subject of colonizing the free negroes on lands adjoining the Indians was read the second time and laid on the table.

struction of a railroad from Terre Haute to Evansville would

ompany; referred.

By Mr. Ross, a bill relative to the board of commissioners of Franklin county; which were severally read.
On motion, the House adjourned.

Mr Wilson, from the committee on Canals, &c. to whom the subject was referred, reported that the bill for the connot conflict with the rights of the bondholders. He reported the bill for said railroad back to the House, with an amend-

ment making Patoka a point; which was concurred in.

The question being on the engrossment of the bill,

Mr Chandler said, that he hoped the bill would not be engrossed. Pass this bill said he, and the bondholders will come up here at the next, if not at the present session, asking to be discharged from making the canal south of Terre

y; report concurred in The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to amend the charter of the White Water Valley canal company; and the question being on Mr Berry's motion to amend the instructions proposed by Mr Eddy,

Mr Reid of U., moved to lay the instructions on the table! carried—ayes 27, noes 23.

Mr Hanna moved to further instruct the committee.

A division of the question was called for, and the question being on committing the bill to the committee on the Judiciary—carried, ayes 33, noes 15.

The instructions of Mr Hanna were then adopted by con-

Petitions, &c. presented.

By Mr Read of C., of citizens of Jeffersonville relative to the corporate limits of said town; referred to a select By Mr Reid of U, a temperance memorial; wh referred to a select committee without reading. By Mr Holloway, of the Indiana colonization referred to a select committee.

By Mr Waipole, of citizens of Madison and Hancock counties, relative to the collection of the road tax in said the Northern Lakes. By Mr Reid of U., of two hundred and seventy citizens of